GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ILLEGAL MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increase in illegal mining of Minerals; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the illegal mining of Minerals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Instances of illegal mining in different States have come to the notice of the Government from time to time and have been forwarded to the concerned States for suitable action.

(b) To effectively curb illegal mining, State Governments have been empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals under the provisions of Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.